The Pakistan Foreign Office Spokesman subsequently clarified that the Foreign Minister of Pakistan only referred to the danger of another war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir issue.

Government regard such posturing and rhetoric adopted by Pakistan as a manifestation of Pakistan's negative approach.

Government are aware of Pakistan's clandestine and weapons-oriented nuclear programme and constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it. Government have consistently called upon Pakistan to give up its negative approach to India and to commit itself with sincerity to purpose resolve all outstanding differances within the framework of Simla Agreement. Government have apprisd the international community of the true facts of the situation in J & K and of Pakistan's support to subversion and theorrism which constitutes the root cause of tensions in our relations.

Bringing I.C.C.R. under the department of culture

1078. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for bringing the Indian Council for Cultural Relations under the Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resources Development ; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

New European Union Visa Policy

1079. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported new European Union Visa Policy to be operational after June, 1996;

(b) if so, whether it seeks to virtually divide the world into two categories – black and white in matter of immigration; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The European Union is considering a proposal under which 129 countries including India have been listed as those whose nationals shall be required to be in possession of a visa when crossing the external frontiers of the Member-States. The proposal is to be disscussed by the Council of Foreign Ministers and adopted unanimously before it becomes effective. The question of issue of visas to Indian nationals was raised at the Indo-EU Troika meeting in Brussels on 8th February, 1994, when Government conveyed their view that new visa regulations being contemplated by the European Union should not be applied in a manner that inconvenienced bona-fide visitors from India.

Monitoring of sick fishery section in Visakhapatnam

1080. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any deep-sea vessels from sick units operated their vessels in this season from Visakhapatnam ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have monitored the sick fishery sector in Visakhapatnam ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) :

(a) Yes, Sir